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WESTBURY URBAN DISTRICT

REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health on the Health
and Sanitary Condition of the Westbury
Urban District for the Year

1944

To the Chairman and Members of the
Westbury Urban District Council.

I beg to present my Annual Report for 1944 on the Health and Sanitary Condition of your District.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area - 3,686 acres.

Population 1931 - 4034. 1944 (estimated) 4494.

Number of inhabited houses - 1,371

Rateable Value - £25,130.

Product of a Penny Rate under Rating and Valuation Act 1925 - £109. 13. 8.

Chief occupation of the inhabitants -
Clothworkers, Glovers, Railway Employees,
Cheese Factory Workers and Agricultural
Labourers.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

BIRTHS

Live births Male 57, Female 47. Total 104

Still births Male 1, Female 1 (Both Legitimate)

Live births, Legitimate 51. Male 43 Female

Illegitimate 6. . Male 4 Female

Birth Rate - 23.1 per 1000

Birth Rate for England & Wales- 17.6 per 1000.

DEATHS

All Causes - Male 29, Female 33, Total 62.

Death Rate per 1000. 13.8

Death Rate for England & Wales 11.6 per 1000

Number of Women dying in or in consequence
of childbirth - 1.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year -

Male 3, Female 3, All legitimate.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Scarlet Fever 12

Whooping Cough 43

Pneumonia 2

Erysipelas 1

Measles 2

Tuberculosis

New cases notified in year 3

Pulmonary. Non-Pulmonary.

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1-5 years 1

20-30 " 1

40-45 " 1

NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

Nursing:- There is one certified Midwife
for General and Maternity Work.

Clinics:- Maternity and Child Welfare -
District Nurse.

School Clinics - Under County Council.

Tubercular Clinics - Trowbridge,

Wednesdays, 10-1 by C.T.O.

Orthopaedic Clinic - Trowbridge,

Fridays 10-1.

Venereal Clinic - Trowbridge.

Hospitals:- Tuberculosis: Winsley Sanatorium;
and Harnham, Salisbury.

Isolation Hospital - Trowbridge.

Westbury & District Hospital - 20 beds.

LABORATORY WORK.

Arrangements are made with the Salisbury Infirmary Pathological Department for Pathological work and Bacterial Examinations for cases of suspected Tuberculosis, Diphtheria and Typhoid Fever.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Infectious cases - Isolation Hospital.

Non-infectious and Accident cases -

Westbury Hospital Ambulance.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE. Adoptive Acts:-

Public Health Amendment Act, 1890.

Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890.

Public Health Act, 1925.

Byelaws.

Buildings (Revised 1939)

New Streets (Revised 1939)

Nuisances.

Cleansing of Footways, Ashpits, Privies, etc.

Slaughterhouses.

Common Lodging Houses.

WATER SUPPLY.

In common with many other places shortage of water was experienced during the year, and on July 14th 1944 it was found necessary to shut off the water during the hours of 8.p.m. to 7.a.m. From September 8th 1944 it was necessary to extend the hours in which the water was shut off to between 6.p.m. and 8.a.m. and this was continued until November 18th 1944, when there was a return of water to the well and a 24 hours service was reintroduced.

As a result of the shortage of water preliminary steps were immediately put in hand with a view to the sinking of a new borehole at Wellhead springs.

The total number of gallons pumped during the year to supply the Urban District and the Parish of Dilton Marsh has been 96,122,675, being an average of 262,630 gallons per day.

SCAVENGING.

A weekly collection of house refuse and salvage continued during the year.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Male	Female
All Causes	29	33
Whooping Cough		1
Cancer of orsophagus	1	
" " stomach	1	
" " breast		2
" " other sites	2	4
Diabetes	1	
Intra cranial vascular lesions	1	3
Heart Disease	9	7
Bronchitis	2	1
Pneumonia		1
Other Respiratory Diseases	2	
Digestive diseases		3
Nephritis	1	1
Puerperal sepsis		1
Premature birth		2
Suicide	2	
Road Traffic accident		1
Other violent causes		1
All other causes	6	5

I have the honour to be
Your obedient Servant

E. T. SHORLAND.

